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This is a request for a x continuation or _____ divisional under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
(continuation prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application No: 08/825,492,
filed on March 28, 1997, entitled SCHEME FOR MERGING PARTIALLY FILLED ATM CELLS

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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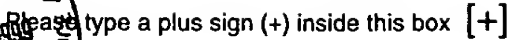
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